

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 165

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Vic Varallo upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Vic Varallo, who has devoted his life to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes; on March 19, 2005, Mr. Varallo will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high school athletes; and

WHEREAS, born on April 11, 1922, Mr. Varallo played football and basketball as a student at Father Ryan High School; he started on Ole Miss' basketball team as a collegiate freshman and was named All Ohio Valley Conference in football; in 1951, Mr. Varallo began his teaching and coaching career at East High School where he served at various times as Head Coach for football, basketball, track, and cross country between 1951-1972; and

WHEREAS, Vic Varallo transferred to Pearl Cohn High School in 1972 and remained there until 1980; Mr. Varallo also taught and coached at Hillsboro High School from 1980-1982, DuPont High School from 1982-1988, and Overton High School from 1988-1989; and

WHEREAS, Vic Varallo brought great success to the East High School Track program; during his coaching tenure, East High School won two TSSAA State Championships, eighteen District Championships, twelve Regional Championships, and numerous relays including the Banner, Optimist, Memphis, and Furman Relays; Coach Varallo also won many Regional and State Championships in Cross Country; and

WHEREAS, the significance of Coach Varallo's impact cannot be adequately measured by winning seasons alone; his positive impact on the lives of his students, athletes, fellow teachers, and administrators still resounds in the Nashville community today; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his teaching, coaching, and administrative duties, Mr. Varallo found time to serve as Director of Track Meets on the District and Region levels, the Director of Optimist Relays, and Director of Regional and State Decathlons; and

WHEREAS, Vic Varallo's dedication and commitment to high school athletics did not diminish with his retirement from teaching in 1989; after retirement, he continued to remain active in Tennessee high school athletics by officiating basketball games; during his 25 years of officiating, he worked fifteen District Tournaments, ten Regional Tournaments, and three TSSAA State Championships; he has also officiated girls basketball and has worked on two AAU National Championship officiating crews; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Vic Varallo has been supported by his loving family and friends; and

WHEREAS, for the above and many other accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Vic Varallo has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Varallo is a man of true character and commitment, and he exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mentor the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family and friends of Vic Varallo in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor, and commend him for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator, and offer our thanks for the dedication which he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

